

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, submits the following amendments to the Specification:

Kindly *substitute* the following four (4) paragraphs in place of the phrase “Field of the Invention” that appears on page 1 of the application after the Title:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to genomic DNA methylation and to patients with breast cell proliferative disorders (*e.g.*, breast cancer). Particular embodiments of the invention provide novel compositions, and methods for the diagnosis of individuals with said disorders, and for detection, classification and treatment of breast cancer.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority to the following applications: International application number PCT/EP2003/007827, filed 18 July 2003 and published as WO 2004/020662; German application number 10239313.3, filed 27 August 2002; and German application number 10255104.9, filed 26 November 2002; all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

SEQUENCE LISTING

A Sequence Listing, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(e)(5), has been provided on compact disc (1 of 1) as a 1.5 MB text file, entitled “Sequence Listing.txt,” and which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

BACKGROUND--

Additionally, kindly *substitute* the attached Sequence Listing (on compact disc in lieu of paper) for the previous listing. No new matter has been added.